

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beyer.

SENATOR BEYER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this amendment is one that was discussed last year when I was on the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee. It is one that I think is needed because it seems in this day and age that we are getting more and more outlets that are being opened well beyond the hours that liquor can legally be sold. There are places now in your twenty-four hour shopping outlets, 7-11, Quick Shops and what have you that have beer in one cooler and right next to it they have milk. Also if you go back and look at the statistics in Omaha on some of the robberies that are being held on these places, it is also something that the guy can come in and hold up the place and they invariably will grab some liquor or beer and take it out with them. So I think that this should not be controversial and I would urge your support to add this to this bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to oppose this bill. It is true that we did study the issue and I believe we did have a bill before our committee last year on this and the committee did not see fit to include this in this bill because for one reason we thought it would be real hard to police. And another reason why I oppose this amendment is because I think if this amendment was added to the bill that it would jeopardize this bill and perhaps the body would not see fit to pass the bill. And the Liquor Commission really needs this bill this year to clean up some of our statutes that we have on the books. Therefore, I would urge you to oppose this amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Any other discussion on the amendment? If not, Senator Beyer, you may close on your amendment.

SENATOR BEYER: I. . . .

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me, Senator Beyer, I didn't want you to close. I had the pad over Senator Beutler's light and just about dealt him out. Excuse me, Senator Beutler, you may speak.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, I guess I would ask for a germaneness ruling on this amendment, too. I don't believe that it relates to any section that has been changed by Senator Hefner or the committee or Senator Labedz and